



DISCUSSION GUIDE

Prayer

- As our youth return from summer camp, pray that the seeds that were sown into their hearts would produce a harvest of fruit.

Introduction

- As we begin a new discipleship series, we want you to consider: Are you truly a disciple or just a part of the crowd? Today's scripture will help you rightly understand the spiritual condition of your heart.
- *How would you define what it means to be a disciple?*

Read Luke 8:4-10

- *How would you explain the purpose of parables to a child at River Oak?*
- *Was there a time in your life when you were not interested in hearing God's word? When did you have "ears to hear" the truth?*

Read Luke 8:11-15

- *How is God's word like a seed?*
- *What does Satan use to steal the seed from people's hearts?*
- *Is there anyone in your life with a hard heart that we can pray for?*
- *When has life tested you?*
- *How are your current trials influencing your faith?*
- *Do cares, riches, or pleasures hinder your faith the most?*
- *What "thorns" in your life need to be cut back?*
- *Who in your life is a "one hundred fold" Christian? What do you learn from their example?*
- *In what ways do you try to rush spiritual growth?*

"One-Anothering"

- Each discussion guide this year will feature one of the scriptures' "one another" statements. These instructions guide us on how to love one another.
- *"with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love" (Ephesians 4:2,ESV)*

